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Office Action Summary

Application No. 09/737,818 Examiner Andrew Israel	Applicant(s) Homme et al	Art Unit 2878
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Period for Reply

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on Dec 18, 2000
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 1-4 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 5-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved.
- 12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- a) All b) Some* c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- *See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- 15) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 18) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 16) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 19) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 17) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 5 20) Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

National Stage Application

Examiner acknowledges receipt and consideration of International Search Report

PCT/JP99/03269.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 5-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Winn et al (U.S. Patent # 5,168,540). Regarding independent claim 6 and dependent claims 5 and 7, Winn discloses in Figure 1 and column 6, line 55 through column 7, line 2, a scintillator panel comprising: a substrate 102; a scintillator 104 formed on said substrate; and film (or cladding) 106, formed of any suitable material by chemical vapor deposition (col. 6, lines 64-67), covering all sides of said substrate 102 and said scintillator 104.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-4 are allowed.
4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: regarding independent claim 1, the prior art does not disclose supporting said substrate formed

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with a scintillator on at least three protrusions of a target-support element disposed on a vapor deposition table. The remainder of the claims are allowable due to their dependence.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Persyk et al (U.S. Patent # 5,148,029) discloses an imaging device comprising: a scintillation panel covered on all sides by an organic film.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew Israel whose telephone number is (703) 305-0382. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30am to 6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Seungsook Ham, can be reached on (703) 308-4090. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 308-7721.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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